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For: OPTICAL SIGNAL AMPLIFYING TRIODE AND OPTICAL SIGNAL TRANSFER  
METHOD, OPTICAL SIGNAL RELAY DEVICE, AND OPTICAL SIGNAL STORAGE  
DEVICE USING THE SAME

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- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached. See Reference 2.
- ☒ 5. The following three references, also cited in the European Search Report attached herewith, were submitted in a previous Information Disclosure Statement on April 20, 2007, and are therefore not attached:

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